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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual Self -Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Highland Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that it is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

I, Ruth Newman, attest for the Study Area Codes listed below all federal high-cost support provided to Highland Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year (**2015**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2017**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”<sup>1</sup>

Company Name  
Highland Telephone Cooperative

Study Area Code  
190237

Signed,

Signature of Corporate Officer

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Title

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b) (“Carriers not subject to State jurisdiction. An eligible telecommunications carrier not subject to the jurisdiction of a State that desires to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carrier was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Support provided pursuant to the high-cost program shall only be provided to the extent that the carrier has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.”).